



Andee's ARMY

Child Brain & Spinal Cord Foundation

Patient Assistance Grant Application Requirements

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APPLICATION FOREWARD I

Andee's Army is an Atlanta-based 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing financial assistance for the rehabilitation and care of children and youth who have suffered brain and/or spinal cord injury.

What is Andee's Army Patient Assistance Grant Program?

Andee's Army Patient Assistance Grant Program was established in 2013 to provide financial assistance to children and youth as related to inpatient hospital care, rehabilitation, transition from hospital to outpatient care, as well as at-home care and adaptive access in the wake of brain or spinal injury.

Who is Eligible to Apply for Andee's Army Patient Assistance Grant Program?

Any child, youth or young adult who:

- Has a primary medical diagnosis related to an acquired brain or spinal cord injury and seeks financial assistance related to their recovery and rehabilitation
- Whose injury or diagnosis occurred on or after January 1st, 2011
- Whose injury or diagnosis occurred on or before the patient's 23rd birthday
- Is a legal citizen of The United States of America
- Has received treatment in the metro-Atlanta area, including Shepherd Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Emory and Grady Hospital.
- Has been referred to Andee's Army by one of the following:
 - Social worker and/or case worker at a hospital or other healthcare facility
 - Other appropriate medical personnel, including:
 - Nurse
 - Child Life Specialist
 - Medical Doctor



APPLICATION FOREWARD II

What types of expenses does Andee's Army Patient Assistance Grant Program cover?

- Rehabilitative medical treatment not covered by insurance, including but not limited to:
 - Physical, Occupational, Speech and Recreation Therapies
 - Specialized Therapies, including:
 - Aquatic and Robotic Therapies
- Medically necessary or beneficial durable equipment, including but not limited to:
 - Adaptive Technologies
 - Assistive Technologies*
- Home care needs, including but not limited to:
 - Home Health Aid
 - Medically necessary home modifications*

*See restrictions and limitations

What are the restrictions and limitations of the Patient Assistance Grant Program?

- Andee's Army pays providers, practitioners and programs directly
- Andee's Army does not reimburse for costs already incurred
- Andee's Army adheres to a maximum lifetime grant amount of \$10,000.00 per patient; in instances of exceptional need, a conditional lifetime maximum of \$25,000.00 may be granted (please consult with Andee's Army administration before applying)
- Andee's Army adheres to a 365-day period maximum grant amount of \$5,000.00 per patient
- Eligible assistive computers may not exceed \$1,000.00
- Eligible home modifications must be explicitly described in patient's application, by way of:
 - Quote for labor, material and any other costs from provider/practitioner/contractor
 - A letter of medical benefit or necessity of proposed home modifications from the patient's medical doctor must be included in the application
 - Any home modifications made after the approval of a grant request, that were not explicitly requested and approved in initial application will not be eligible for reimbursement from Andee's Army

Andee's Army does not cover Spina Bifida and/or Cerebral Palsy, unless the patient has acquired a post-diagnosis brain or spinal cord injury

Andee's Army does not cover personal bills including, but not limited to: electricity, water, vehicle



APPLICATION FOREWARD III

What documents will I need to submit in addition to my application?

- Applications must be accompanied by the following:
 - Documentation verifying the nature of the injury from a medical professional
 - Documentation of recommended therapies, equipment, etc.
 - Documentation of medical necessity, or benefit, for the recommended therapies, equipment, etc.
 - Cost assessment(s), invoice(s) or other documentation of cost for requested therapies, equipment, etc.

How often can I apply for Andee's Army Patient Assistance Grant Program?

- Andee's Army adheres to a maximum lifetime grant amount of \$10,000.00 per patient
- Each patient may apply to Andee's Army Patient Assistance Grant Program once per 365-day period
 - Each 365-day period is subject to a maximum grant amount of \$5,000.00 per patient
- Patient's may re-apply for grant assistance, so long as:
 - Their initial grant request was less than 10 years prior
 - They are under the age of 30
 - They have not used the \$10,000.00 lifetime grant maximum
 - They have not successfully applied for Andee's Army Patient Assistance Grant Program in the previous 365-day period

How are the approved grant applications paid?

- Andee's Army Patient Assistance Grant Program functions on a direct pay basis, which means that approved applicants' medical bills will be paid directly to the practitioner or facility
 - For this reason, applications must include actual cost documentation, as well as medical necessity documentation

*See what documents do I need to submit



APPLICATION FOREWARD IV

How do I apply for assistance?

- Applications can be accessed through Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the Shepherd Center and at www.AndeesArmy.org
- Applications must be accompanied by supporting documentation, including but not limited to*:
 - Documentation verifying the nature of the injury from a medical professional
 - Documentation of recommended therapies, equipment, etc.
 - Documentation of medical necessity, or benefit, for the recommended therapies, equipment, etc.
 - Cost assessment(s), invoice(s) or other documentation of cost for requested therapies, equipment, etc.
- Applications and supporting documents can be submitted by mail:

Andee's Army
c/o Ali Smith
PO Box 420016
Atlanta, GA
30342
- Applications and supporting documents can be submitted by e-mail:

Ali Smith, asmith@AndeesArmy.org

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What happens after I submit my application?

- You will receive a confirmation of receipt via email and post
- You may receive requests for additional documentation from Andee's Army

How often are applications reviewed?

Andee's Army Patient Assistance Grant Program applications are reviewed on a monthly basis.